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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN CASE NO. 05-050012588

REF: STATE 126603

The following is post's response to questions concerning the pre-license check on application 05-050012588, for sale to Serious Shooters Limited in Auckland, NZ. Due to limited Embassy staff it was not possible to make a site visit. Information was instead obtained through an internet search and PE Counselor's telephone call to Richard Munt, reftel POC at Serious Shooters.

1) When was the company established and who are its principals?

-- According to a search of registered NZ companies (available on line at www.companies.govt.nz), the company was incorporated on 10 August 1994. It's Directors are Grant Selwyn BEESLEY and Murray Ellison GARRETT.

2) Who are the firm's typical customers and where are they located?

-- According to Munt, the company's customers are primarily hunters and recreational shooters. All who purchase firearms and finished ammunition must have licenses, which are inspected and recorded by the company before sale. There is no need for the company to view licenses of those purchasing parts.

3) Does the company have an established, legitimate customer base to which it plans to sell these commodities?

-- Yes, see question 2, above

4) Does the company have adequate on-site security?

-- According to Munt, all firearms are kept in a bank safe with 2 1/2 ton door and 16-inch thick walls, well in excess of NZ government requirements. All windows are heavily grilled and in most cases walled in.

5) Does the company keep proper, detailed records of its sales and customers?

-- Yes.

6) Does the company understand the restrictions on United States Munitions List (USML) articles, particularly regarding re-exporting (no re-export without USG authorization)?

-- Yes. They do not re-export any USML products. If they did, the shipments would need to be approved by the Government of New Zealand as well as the U.S. State Department.

7) Does the company have the proper firearms license and import permit for the items listed on the license application?

-- Yes.

8) In post's assessment, is the company a reliable recipient of USML items?

-- Yes.
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